

## Stewardship Information

The local **Food Pantry** located at the Methodist Church on Green Street is currently in need of refried beans, Pasta Roni, Rice A Roni, Spam canned salmon, corned beef hash, chili-no bean (yes, meat), Miracle Whip, mayo, sugar, shortening, canned frosting, juice boxes.

Worshippers last week: 83      Weekly Giving: **\$5,388.00**      Budget Amount: \$4,181.22

**Adult Forum** - will meet at 9:30 today. Today's study will be from the gospel of Luke 24:13-35. How does God's grace change our hearts. In the resurrection of Jesus, God transforms death into an instrument to achieve God's desire for life and wholeness for the creation.

**Noisy Offering** will be collected today benefiting Barry County Cares.

**Worship schedule** – the worship schedule for summer has been changed. All service times will continue on the winter schedule, ie, service will take place at 8:00 am and 10:45 am. This is in an effort to maintain continuity and alleviate any confusion for members as well as visitors.

### **Fill a Bag For Summer 2018    Food Drive – Barry County Cares**

The people of Grace have an opportunity to help our neighbors by picking up a grocery bag in entry area, filling it with items from the list on the front of each bag. Please return your bag to the Fellowship area on or before JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>. We are also collecting personal care items for Barry County Cares including toilet paper, liquid dishwashing soap, personal hygiene items. Financial donations will also be accepted. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church with Food Drive in the memo line.

### **Grace Prayer Walk or Relax Cook Out**

This is held today after second service, at the home of Phil and Amy Poholski, 6810 Highlandview Dr, Middleville. What to bring – lawn chairs. Food will be provided: Hot dogs, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, desert, ice tea and lemonade. If you would like something stronger, say beer or wine, please BYO. For those that would like, we will take a walk through the woods on a mowed path. There also will be some yard games. If you have questions, contact the Poholski's 269-948-3655

**Annual Meeting** is scheduled to take place on Sunday, **July 15, 2018**.

**Renovation Update** The original debt amount for the purchase of new carpet was \$16,258.38. To date we have received almost half of the amount, \$8,325, in generous donations from our members. The remaining debt for the carpet is **\$7,933.38**. **We would be blessed if you would be willing to help pay down this debt we owe to ourselves.** Thanks for your consideration. If you would like to write a check, please remember to write 'carpet fund' in the memo line.

## 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 10, 2018

*Pentecost is a season for growing represented by the color green. We celebrate the founding of the church and the fruits of the Spirit.*

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

### Pre-Service Music

### Welcome/Worship Instructions

### Graduate Recognition

*Stand as you are able*

### Gathering Music

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**ELW 504** (red book)

### Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**
  
- A** As in one body we have many members,
- G** **so we, who are many, are one body in Christ.**
  
- P** Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord,
- G** **I am there among them.**
  
- A** Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
- G** **with humility and gentleness.**
  
- P** Let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit,
- G** **in the unity of the Spirit's bond of peace.**
  
- A** Let us pursue what makes for justice and peace,
- G** **for mutual upbuilding of the body of Christ**  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

- A** Let us Pray... All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.
- G** Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*Sit*

**First Reading****Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

📖 A reading from **Genesis**:

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

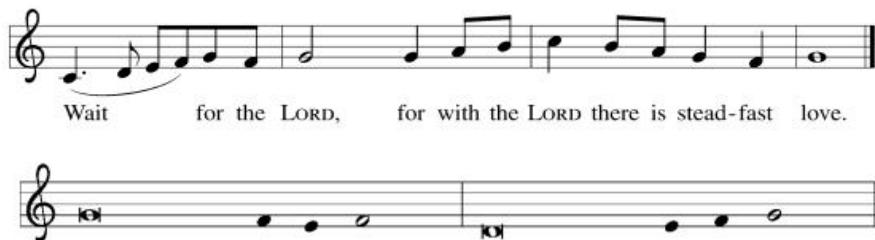
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130



<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

**in order that you | may be feared. **

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**

**from | all their sins. **

## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life..*

### Ⓐ A reading from **2 Corinthians**:

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Ⓛ The word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.  
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.  
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

*Refrain*

## Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20-35

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ*

☐ The Holy Gospel, according to **Mark**.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

☐ The Resurrection Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children’s Message

*All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children’s sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children’s message.*

## Message

*Silence for reflection*

**Song of the Day**

*Rise, Shine, You People*

**ELW 665** (red book)

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with  
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

*End*

*Kneel or sit as able.*

### Prayers

▲ Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*

▲ Abba, when we cry to you, your Spirit bears witness with our spirit. Give to your church the confidence of the children of God, so that we boldly share with everyone your world-saving love. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants David, Chrysanne and Sarah; our synod companion churches, Hope Lutheran Church, Rhodes, Country Chapel in Dowling; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

▲ The whole earth is full of your glory: cities teem, fields flourish, mountains soar, and waters abound. Blot out our sin of spoiling your creation. Send us to go for you, mending what is torn and tattered in your world. Hear us, O God.

☑ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

▲ You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. In these days, when nation condemns nation, save us. Give us strength and fill us with your justice and peace. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military, including *Myrina Clements, Lance and Kayla Champaco, Joshua Wright, Parker Stancil, Tim Krewson, Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley and Tyler Van Houten.* Hear us, O God.

☑ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

▲ Your people cry out to you, seeking the goodness and hope of your holiness. Let the wind of your Spirit blow into the lives of all who suffer from injustice, want, or anguish of any kind. Hear us, O God.

☑ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

▲ In our living and in our dying, we belong to you. In loving remembrance, we honor those who live with scars or have died defending our nation. Beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks, and teach us your ways. Comfort the sick and their caregivers, including *Steve Kaiser Kogge family, Tim Lowe, John Glasgow, Newell, Mary Golnek, Barbera Mcaully, Wendy Eifler, Kenzie, Larry Hansen, Marie Schleifenbaum,* Hear us, O God.

☑ **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** Be attentive, gracious God, to the individual petitions we lift to you in loud voice or in the silence of our hearts.

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**A** With affection we remember the saints now departed and rejoice in their faithful witness. Through their example, provoke us to holy lives of loving service in your name. Hear us, O God.

**C** **The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, (2x's) oh.**

**P** By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand as you are able*

### **Sharing the Peace of God**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

*Sit*

### **Offering of Gifts and Music**

*Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill it out and place a Participation Card in the offering plate every Sunday morning.*

*Stand as you are able.*

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

### Offering Prayer

▲ Let us pray . . . Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

**☒ You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

☐ The Lord be with you.

**☒ And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

**☒ We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☒ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

☐ Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

**☒ Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.**

- ☐ Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
- ☑ **Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.**
- ☐ Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
- ☑ **Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.**
- ☐ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. O God of resurrection and new life:
- ☑ **Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.**
- ☐ Bless this feast.
- ☑ **Grace our table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.**
- ☐ Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
- ☑ **We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us always to pray:
- ☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

- ☐ Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

#### *Communion at Grace*

*All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.*

✠ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

✠ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

✠ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

✠ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

✠ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

✠ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.

*Lamb of God*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Gather Us In*

WOV 718

*Bind Us Together*

WOV 748

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

WOV 706

**Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

**C** Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

**Congregational Announcements**

**Blessing**

**P** May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.*

**Sending Song**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

ELW 768 (red book)

**Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Home for the Heartbreak

The homecoming could not have been more heartbreaking. A father, near death, lay in a hospice bed that prophetically displaced the puffy cushioned pastel couch from the living room. A son, his own death in sight, stood, an alien, in the house where years before he played happily with no space to imagine the moment he now faced. It was their approaching deaths that drew the long-exiled son home. The fact that he was gay had created a distance far greater than the miles and years of separation. In such joyless space *hello* and *goodbye* twisted and tangled indistinguishably. The son's tears begged for reconciliation. "We are both dying, can we not make peace?" The father's spotlight glare confirmed rejection. "You are no son of mine."

Jesus' homecoming in today's gospel is surrounded by controversy and disruption on all sides. A pushing, shoving crowd peppered with an assortment of religious leaders insists that Jesus is out of his mind, evil, employed by the ruler of demons. His own mother and brothers choose their place outside, away. The hometown heartbreak confirms all the accumulated, bitter objections that ripened in the heat of fevered disapproval. Jesus' time spent in the company of outcasts, touching lepers, chasing demons, hanging close to the diseased, challenging the Pharisees' plots—all seems evidence that he is the skin and bones of an unclean spirit.

Rejected at home, Jesus does not turn family or himself away, but asks and answers one simple, provocative question: "Who are my mother and my brothers?" "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:33, 35). Jesus leaves them—and of course us—with the unspoken, lasting question: "And what is the will of God?"

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### BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>Today, June 10</b>	Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am Relax Cookout after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service at Poholski's
<b>Monday, June 11</b>	Outreach 4:00 p.m. LACS Rehearsal 6:15 to 9:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 12</b>	Pastor Ken at Conference 9:30 a.m. Women of Faith Potluck (Mary Rider's) 5:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, June 16</b>	Team Grace (Houston group) – Trip to Escape Room

### Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Randy Teegardin	Traci Wales
<b>Cantor</b>	Mark Anton	Mark Anton
<b>Lector</b>	Carol Vos	Carla Neil
<b>Communion Server</b>	Brenda Teegardin	Phyliss Lietz
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Mark Anton	Emma Peck
<b>Usher</b>	Tom and Cheryl Drumm	Ed Domke, Mark Anton
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Volunteers	John and Mary Kleinbrink
<b>Chancel Team</b>	<b>Jeanette Ulrich &amp; Mary Kleinbrink</b>	

### Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, June 17, 2018

<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Chris Bush	Vickey Argo
<b>Cantor</b>	Pastor Ken	Kate Watson
<b>Lector</b>	Jack Vos	Kristi Winick
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jan Schreiner	Mark Anton
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Gavin Patton	Clyde Watson
<b>Usher</b>	Dan and Grayson Patton	Mark Anton, Gwen Hansen, Sandy Mosteller, Joe Longcor
<b>Greeter/Coffee Hr.</b>	Doug and Diane Neeb	Lyle and Joyce Proksch
<b>Chancel Team</b>	<b>Jeanette Ulrich &amp; Mary Kleinbrink</b>	